



THEME: TOGETHER, WE WALK FOR LIFE

VENUE: University of Santo Tomas, parade grounds
España, Manila

DATE: February 17, 2024

TIME: 4:00 A.M. Assembly at the Welcome Rotonda, Quezon City
4:15 A.M. Start of the Walk

Rationale:

*"Human life must always be defended from its beginning in the womb and must be recognized as a gift of God that guarantees the future of humanity."
(Pope Francis)*

"I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly" (John 10:10)

St. John Paul II, in his encyclical *Evangelium Vitae*, wrote: "Man is called to a fullness of life. . . . especially, believers in Christ must defend and promote this right, aware as they are of the wonderful truth. . . . *The Gospel of God's love for man, the Gospel of the dignity of the person, and the Gospel of Life.* . . ." (EV#2). "I have set before you life and death, the blessing and the curse. Choose life, then, that you and your descendants may live." (Deut 30:19).

Inspired by Jesus' words and the reflection of St. John Paul II, we, the Sangguniang Laiko ng Pilipinas, will organize our annual **"Walk for Life 2024"** with the Theme: **TOGETHER, WE WALK FOR LIFE.**

We continue to **uphold, promote, and defend** the sacredness of life and the dignity of every person, being made in the image and likeness of God. We want to be in solidarity with those who suffer violence, injustice, addictions, and many other forms of threats to their human dignity, to be one with the great multitude of our brothers and sisters who are weak and defenseless, especially the unborn children, the victims of extrajudicial killings, and those who will receive the death penalty. Their fundamental right to life is being taken away from them.

We then call on our brothers and sisters to join us in this advocacy, “Walk for LIFE,” as a sign of our commitment to CHOOSE LIFE in its various manifestations and expressions. This is our Christian duty. This is our Christian calling. This is our contribution toward social transformation.

Objectives:

1. To make our voices heard, we continue to support the culture of LIFE in all its forms.
2. To come together to witness our Synodality in promoting the Gospel of life.

EVENT GUIDELINES

1. **FOR SAFETY AND HEALTH PROTOCOL**, participants are requested to pre-register. The Laiko Secretariat will send Registration forms to the different National Lay Organizations and the Diocesan Council of the Laity (DCL). They will submit the registration forms through email: laiko_phils@yahoo.com.ph
2. **FOR PROPER IDENTIFICATION AND SECURITY PURPOSES**, the organizations will be encouraged to wear the organization t-shirts or previous Walk for Life t-shirts, white t-shirts, or Walk for Life 2024 t-shirts, which are available on sale. To order, call the Laiko office.
3. **BRING YOUR ROSARY AND CANDLES**. We will be praying the Rosary while the walk is ongoing.
4. **PLEASE BRING PLACARDS/BANNERS** with slogans promoting the protection and sanctity of life.
5. **PLEASE BRING YOUR ORGANIZATION'S FLAGS/BANNERS** to be recognized.
6. **THERE ARE NO BAGGAGE COUNTERS**. Bring a small transparent bag that will fit your bottled water, light snacks, personal medication (if necessary), an extra t-shirt, and a towel.
7. **PARKING FOR THOSE WHO HAVE VEHICLES** could enter the España, Gate 03. Limited free parking slots will be available outside (España & P. Noval Sts. Outer lane) and inside UST on a first-come-first-served basis. Others could also take part in the Pay Parking Area of the University.
8. **PARTICIPANTS ENTRANCE:**
 - Vehicular Entrance - España Blvd. (Gate 3)
 - Vehicular Exit - P. Noval St. (Gate 7)

 - Pedestrian Entrance - España Blvd. (Gate 4)
 - Pedestrian Exit - España Blvd. (Gates 5 & 6)
Lacson St. (Gate 14)
Dapitan St. (Gates 10 & 11)
P. Noval St. (Gate 7)
9. **PARKING SLOTS FOR GUESTS**. Quezon Drive will be used as parking spaces for Laiko Board members and guests, and Ceferino Gonzales Drive will be used for Clergy.
10. **MEDIA OUTLET AND COMMUNICATION PARTNER: Radio Veritas & TV Maria**
 - Promotion - (video teaser, design of the logo & media partners)

11. PROGRAM FLOW

4:00 a.m.	Assembly at the Welcome Rotonda, Quezon City
4:15 a.m.	Start of the Walk
5:30 a.m.	Program at the UST Grandstand
6:45 a.m.	Eucharistic celebration
	Presider and preacher: His Eminence Cardinal Jose Advincula, D.D. <i>Archbishop of Manila</i>
8:00 a.m.	End of the event